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Mr. MCCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 1151]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 1151) for the relief of Sumiko Yamamoto, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to enable the Japanese fiancee of a United States citizen serviceman to enter the United States for the purpose of marrying the said serviceman and to thereafter reside in the United States.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is the Japanese fiancee of Sgt. Renaldo A. Barbaro, a United States citizen who is presently stationed at Cape Charles, Va.

Congressman Peter W. Rodino, Jr., the author of the bill, submitted to the chairman of a subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives the following information in connection with the bill:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D. C., April 21, 1952.

HON. FRANCIS WALTER,
Chairman, Subcommittee No. 1,
House Committee on the Judiciary, Washington 25, D. C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I would like to refer you to H. R. 1151, which I introduced for the relief of Miss Sumiko Yamamoto, a Japanese subject and fiancée of Sgt. Renaldo A. Barbaro, presently a member of the Air Force.

The airman was recently granted a 90-day deferment from overseas shipment to the European theater with the hope that my bill could be acted upon, thereby permitting his fiancée to come to this country and enter into the bonds of matri-

mony. In checking with your subcommittee, I find that a departmental report had not been requested. If this matter was allowed to be held over pending receipt of such a report, it would cause undue delay in considering this measure—bearing in mind the 90-day deferment Barbaro has secured.

I am attaching hereto a communication which I have received from Sergeant Barbaro, a character reference from a fellow airman concerning Miss Yamamoto, and part of a letter written to Barbaro from his fiancée. You will note from the attached correspondence that I had previously communicated with the young lady, asking that she secure references and forward same to me for presentation to your subcommittee. She is apparently having some difficulty, which I believe is explained in the enclosures.

May I urge that the normal report that is requested of the Department of Justice be dispensed with and my bill be considered, if possible, at the next meeting of your subcommittee. I would like to state that Sergeant Barbaro is presently stationed at Cape Charles, Va., which is only a short distance from Washington. If you desire that he personally appear, I will be very pleased to communicate with him, asking that he make leave application for that purpose. May I hear from you concerning this matter?

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

PETER W. RODINO, Jr.,
Member of Congress.

The enclosures referred to in Congressman Rodino's letter read as follows:

3391ST STUDENT SQUADRON,
KESSLER AIR FORCE BASE, MISS.,
February 19, 1952.

Subject: Letter of appreciation.
To: Sgt. Renaldo A. Barbaro, Seven Hundred and Seventy-first A. C. and W. Squadron, Five Hundred and Third A. C. and W. Group, Fort Curtis, Va.

1. While a member of this organization during the period of September 26, 1951, through February 15, 1952, you have performed your duties in an outstanding manner reflecting credit upon yourself as well as adding materially to the mission of this squadron.

2. Not only have you successfully completed the radio, general operator course which was your primary duty while attached to this organization, you accepted and successfully carried out the additional duties of flight chief and barracks noncommissioned officer. In this capacity you have contributed not only to your own experience and ability but you have performed a vital function for the squadron contributing materially to the guidance and development of less experienced subordinates. Through your exemplary conduct as a trainee as well as your devotion to duty and ability to control men you have been instrumental in the development of subordinate airmen under your supervision.

3. It is with sincere pride that I extend to you at this time my thanks and appreciation for a job well done and for the many contributions you have made to this organization in the accomplishment of its mission.

4. It is my desire that this letter become an item of permanent record in your field 201 file.

WARREN W. SMITH,
Captain, USAF, Commanding.

3391ST STUDENT SQUADRON,
KESSLER AIR FORCE BASE, MISS.,
February 14, 1952.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Renaldo A. Barbaro, AF12291987, has worked under my supervision since September 25, 1951, as a sergeant in the United States Air Force and has displayed exemplary leadership qualifications. His character and moral turpitude has been beyond reproach at all times.

WARREN W. SMITH,
Captain, USAF, Commanding.

St. Francis Xavier Church,
Newark 7, N. J., February 22, 1952.

To Whom It May Concern;

This is written as a character reference for Sgt. Rinaldo Barbaro, who lives at 676 North Sixth Street, Newark, in this parish.

Sergeant Barbaro has been in service for the past 5 years. While he is not personally known to us as far as his background is concerned we have met him on frequent occasions. He has contacted us with reference to the possible immigration of Sumiko Yamamoto, of Kuyshu, Japan. As far as we know his intentions are entirely proper and remote preparations have already been made for her entrance into St. Elizabeth's College, at Convent Station, Morristown, N. J.

If anything further is desired we will be glad to furnish the information.

Very truly yours,

Rev. Joseph A. Dooling.

771st A. C. & W. Squadron,
Fort John Custis,
Cape Charles, Va., April 16, 1952.

Mr. Peter W. Rodino,
Congressman, State of New Jersey.

Dear Sir: I have just received a letter from Miss Yamamoto in reference to her needing two more references. I am enclosing part of her letter so as you can understand her present situation.

It would be very hard for her to get a reference from an American official, for at this time she knows none. She has been with her mother working on their farm since I left her. She comes from a very small village and there are no occupation forces where she could obtain a reference of this type. However, I have written her and told her to see a clergyman and obtain a reference from him.

I am enclosing a letter of reference from a sergeant who knew Miss Yamamoto while stationed in Japan with me. I hope that this will do for I have through my own endeavors tried to get some help from officers that I knew while in that command but all have been relieved of their duties there and have returned to the States, and are in civilian life. Thanking you again ever so much,

I remain,

Renaldo A. Barbaro.

771st A. C. & W. Squadron,
Fort John Custis,
Cape Charles, Va., April 15, 1952.

To Whom It May Concern:

Having known Sergeant Barbaro during the 2 years he spent overseas I had ample opportunity to become well acquainted with both he and his fiancée, Miss Yamamoto's character.

She is a mature, intelligent, and outstanding young woman. I sincerely believe that her entry into this country, especially under the circumstances involved, should certainly not be denied.

She has worked for a Lieutenant Clark, then our commanding officer then at Six Hundred and Tenth A. C. & W. Squadron, Detachment 3E, Nagasaki, Japan, for a period of 2 years, and also took care of his household and children. Her moral conduct, her manner of bearing and dress, her ability to cope with any difficulty, all prove her to be an above average person, in the opinion of this individual.

She is a sincere, good girl, and so in closing I say that on this basis I would recommend her, and hope that I have in some way expressed this girl's character.

Donald Ransom,
AF 16213480, Staff Sergeant USAF.

March 21, 1952.

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Miss Sumiko Yamamoto for the past 6 years and to my knowledge she has been a very good girl. She is a sincere and cheerful girl and has been kind to all neighborhood. She is a very religious person and I know she

has been trying to marry an American soldier and writing to him ever since he left Japan about 2½ years ago. She sincerely hopes to see him again and to be with him. She is well known in her town and is liked very much by all.

I hope I can help her in giving a reference that she deserves. I am sorry I cannot express enough her good and noble character.

Truly yours,

TOSHUE YAMAUCHI,
761 Shiromicho Isahayashi,
Nagasakiken, Kyushu, Japan.

(Interpreter Nagasaki Station, Japan National Railway.)

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H. R. 1151) should be enacted.

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